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FOR : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR A RETRACTABLE  
BASKETBALL BACKBOARD AND HOOP ASSEMBLY

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE REMARKS FOR THE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
FILED JUNE 24, 2004

Sir:

This is a Supplement To The Remarks For The  
Preliminary Amendment filed on June 24, 2004. Entry of this  
Supplement To The Remarks For The Preliminary Amendment,

filed on June 24, 2004, before any Official Action is taken in this case, is respectfully requested.

Applicant uses the phrase "at least one of . . . and . . ." in the claims. In all instances, the phrase "at least one of . . . and . . ." means "only one item from the list, or any combination of items in the list". Applicant respectfully submits that the phrase having the form "at least one of A and B", where each of A and B is either a term or a phrase, the phrase "at least one of A and B" means "only A, only B, or A and B". In instances in which three or more terms and/or phrases are present in an "at least one of . . . and . . ." phrase, Applicant provides the following example definitions: the phrase "at least one of A, B, and C" means "only A, only B, only C, or any combination of A, B, and C"; the phrase "at least one of A, B, C, and D" means "only A, only B, only C, only D, or any combination of A, B, C, and D"; the phrase "at least one of A, B, C, D, and E" means "only A, only B, only C, only D, only E, or any combination of A, B, C, D, and E", and so on.

For example, in independent Claim 21, the phrase "at least one of through or along a horizontal plane or axis, through or along a vertical plane or axis, through or along

any angle of rotation, through or along any angle of inclination, and any combination thereof" means "only through or along a horizontal plane or axis, only through or along a vertical plane or axis, only through or along any angle of rotation, only through or along any angle of inclination, only any combination thereof, or any combination of through or along a horizontal plane or axis, through or along a vertical plane or axis, through or along any angle of rotation, through or along any angle of inclination, and any combination thereof".

Entry of this Supplement To The Remarks For The Preliminary Amendment, filed on June 24, 2004, before any Official Action is taken in this case, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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